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University Preparing For Homecoming Nov. 14









Thomas, Ledet, Gilson Are Slated For Membership In Hall of Fame; Homecoming Induction Scheduled

sports figures in Northwestern's 86- the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame. year history have been selected for membership in the institution's Graduate "N" Club Athletic Hall

Named to the shrine were Dr. Charles "Red" Thomas, Northwestern's first All-American basketball player and later a successful coach at the college; Walter Ledet, football All-American in the 1930's who went on to become an outstanding football and track coach, and E. H. Gilson quarterback for Northwestern's first undefeated, untied football team in 1939.

Dr. Allen Bonnette, associate professor of physical education and chairman of the Hall of Fame selection committee, said the three members will be inducted during ceremonies at Northwestern's homecoming Nov. 14.

Thomas, now vice-president of academic affairs at Northwestern, won All-America honors in 1941. He scored in double figures from his forward position that year and was a strong rebounder despite the fact that he was only 5-foot-6.

An outstanding athlete at Texarkana Junior College before transfering to Northwestern, Thomas led the Demons in assists and steals and was a noted playmaker. He played at NSC during the 1940 and 1941 seasons.

Halls of Fame are nothing new to Thomas. He was inducted into establishment of the school's Gradthe national Helms Hall of Fame uate N Club, an organization of

Thomas played for Northwestern in the NAIA Tournament in 1941 and was named as the tournament's Most Valuable Player.

Returning to Northwestern as head basketball coach in 1950, Thomas won 129 games and lost only 76 during his eight year tenure. His teams won two Gulf States Conference championships.

Continuing his athletic competition in recent years, Thomas won numerous badminton Championships, including the National Veterans title and the Southern Open and Veterans Championships.

Ledet in 1936 became the first Northwestern athlete to win All-American honors. He was a guard on the Demon football team and a record-breaking weight man for the track and field squad.

Immediately after graduation in 1938, he was appointed as freshman football coach, intramural director and instructor in health and physical education at NSC. He also served for some 20 years as Northwestern's athletic trainer.

In 1952, Ledet became head track coach at Northwestern and led the NSU track and field team to six straight conference champships, a record which has never been matched. He was named coach of the year each season.

It was Ledet who, in the early 1940's played a major role in the establishment of the school's Grad-

Three of the most illustrious in 1957 and is also a member of more than 1,000 athletic lettermen. Ledet served as secretary-treasurer of the group for 21 years and later spent two years as Graduate N Club president.

> When Prather Coliseum was completed at Northwestern in 1963, Ledet left coaching to become coliseum manager and continued as a member of the health and physical education department faculty. In 1967, he became assistant registrar and is now registrar at Northwestern.

> Gilson came to Northwestern from Fair Park High School in 1936. He was outstanding in both football and track. In football, Gilson was quarterback and line-backer, and he placed consistently in track meets in the mile run, two-mile run and 880.

> Selected as co-captain of the football team, Gilson quarterbacked the Demons to 11 straight victories. Northwestern gave up only 18 points during the season while scoring 195 points.

> He was named to Who's Who and the Senior Hall of Fame and won the college's intramural lightheavyweight boxing championship in both 1938 and 1939.

Gilson has served two years as president of the Northwestern Alumni Association and is now in his seventh term as president of the Graduate N Club. He is also executive vice-president of the NSU Demon Culb and was one of the

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Full Schedule of **Events Planned**

Harrel Haile, director of alumni and placement at Northwtstern, has announced preliminary plans for this year's Homecoming celebration, which is scheduled for November 14.

Ceremonies begin with an alumni coffee and registration in the Student Union Ballroom from 9 until 11 a.m. Campus tours will also be conducted during that twohour period.

The board of directors of the Northwestern Alumni Association will meet at 9:30 a.m. in Room 241 of the Student Union. From 10 a.m. until noon, Open House will be conducted at the new Presi-Jent's Home on the NSU campus.

Graduate N Club members will meet at 10:30 in the N Club Room of Prather Coliseum. Highlighting that meeting will be the induction of three former athletes, Red Thomas, E. H. Gilson and Walter Ledet, into the university's athletic Hall of Fame.

The Alumni Luncheon is scheduled from 11:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. in Iberville Dining Hall on the NSU campus.

Highlighting the day's activities will be the Homecoming football game between Northwestern and the University of Southwestern Louisiana in Demon Stadium at 2:30 p.m. Pre-game ceremonics start at 2:10.

Following the game will be an N Club dinner in the coliseum $\,$ which will be attended by former athletes at the university. An Alum ni Dance is scheduled in the Student Union Ballroom from 8 until midnight.

Fraternities and sororities will conduct Open House for alumni and other visitors to the campus throughout the day.

Alumni interested in attending the football game and reserving tickets should address requests to Northwestern Athletic Department. All reserved seats are \$4.50.

The annual Alumni Golf Tournament and Shrimp Boil will be conducted Nov. 13 beginning at 1 p.m. at the Natchitoches Country Club for alumni who arrive in town the day before Homecoming.

Homecoming Program

9:00 - 11:00 a.m	Alumni Coffee and Registration Student Union Ballroom
9:00 - 11:00 a.m.	Campus Visitation
9:30 - 10:30 a.m.	Alumni Board of Directors Meeting Room 241, Student Union Building
10:00 a.m 12:00 noon	Open House—President's Home
10:30 a.m.	Graduate "N" Club Meeting "N" Club Room—Coliseum
11:30 a.m 1:30 p.m	Alumni Luncheon Iberville Dining Hall
2:10 p.m 2:25 p.m	Pre-Game Ceremonies Demon Stadium
2:30 p.m.	Football Game Demons vs. U. S. L.
	"N" Club Grads-Get-Together "N" Club Room—Coliseum
Open House	Fraternities and Sororities (All Day)
8:00 - 12:00 p.m.	Alumni Dance Student Union Ballroom

Three Are Elected to Hall of Fame

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founders of the Northwestern Foundation.

After leaving Gilson coached at Jonesboro, Vinton and Fair Park of Shreveport. He also held recreation department positions in Orange, Texas, and Shreveport and later coached in the U.S. Navy.

Gilson has also served on the Northwestern faculty and staff in various capacities and is now with the State Department of Education's Vocational Rehabilitation Division.

Thomas, Ledet and Gilson make up the second group of Northwestern greats to be inducted into the Hall of Fame, which was established last year. They bring to 10

the number of members in the shrine

Others in the NSU Hall of Fame are Harry Turpin, A. A. Barnard, C. Northwestern, E. Barham, Murphy Rogers, C.C. Stroud, Bill Dunkelman, and H. Lee Prather.

GOLF TOURNEY

All alumni who desire to participate in the Alumni Golf Tournament at the Natchitoches Country Club November 13, the day before Homecoming, should notify the university in advance.

The tournament begins at 1 p.m., and a shrimp boil for alumni will be conducted at the country club later in the day. Write Harrel Haile f you plan to participate.

(Cut this form out and mail today)

Plan to Attend Alumni Luncheon

Mr. Harrel C. Haile **NSU Alumni Association** Natchitoches, Louisiana

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FOCUS on NSU



by Jerry Pierce

(Reprinted from the Natchitoches Times)

Shadows spill over the Northwestern quadrangle like giant ink blots. The sun sinks to its bed, and a silent breeze stirs.

I must look a little strange sitting here on this cement bench, but who's looking. Ten years ago, it would have taken a machine gun to get a seat in this square at sunset.

But progress has taken its toll here. Smart, sophisticated new buildings have sprung up on the other side of campus, shoving this place into the darkness of the past.

Oh, they still have classes here, and students pass through. Few of them are aware, though, that a decade ago, this was the very heart of the campus.

But the sights and sounds of this spot still live in the memories of thousands. I have watched them at Homecoming and on weekend visits. They always take time to return here.

Many have been robbed of their youth, but their eyes still sparkle when they walk through these shadows.

Some are stunned that Guardia is gone. They had not heard how fire, on a cold night three years ago, had snuffed out the life of the fine old building. But Caldwell is still there, and the library, and Warren Easton. That's enough to stir nostalgia.

They remember like it was yesterday how Miss Catherine Winters stood right on this spot and told how the North won the Civil War but had to grit her teeth to admit

And on this very ground where salvage crews raked away the bones of Guardia Hall, Alfred Ducournau worked for years to explain the marvels of science to young listeners who wondered if science would ever really have any meaning in this world.

Even as I sit here now, I wonder how that wisp of smeg could possibly look so much like the trail of smoke that came from Professor Nelken's window as he puffed that smelly old corncob pipe.

And they tell me that it was right there on that sidewalk that President Tison had a dozen rotten eggs dumped on his head from the third floor of Guardia. Some people say Bill Dodd did it. Mr. Dodd doesn't admit it, but hc laughs about the incident like a man with a secret.

The flagpole is gone. Everybody notices that. We're not any less patriotic. It's just that the pole has been moved across the campus... where the action is. And those khahoist the flag every morning.

I remember lines backed up as far as that flagpole trying to get into Caldwell to register. We soon learned that the purpose of those long lines was to somehow reach Dean Jones or Dean Dugdale to have them sign some form or another.

Many of us have leaned against those old columns and wondered what the hell happened to the rest of the building. We learned in

From this very bench, I have often heard Mary McEniry through the open window. No air-conditioning then, you know. How that woman loved the classics. She talked about Homer and Virgil and those guys like they were relatives.

We used to hear Eve Mouton from down here too. That mellow, luxurious voice of hers. Speaking in some foreign tongue . . . French or something. We couldn't understand a word she said, but it sounded pretty.

For years, they had commencement ceremonies right out here. If it rained, they could retreat to the Caldwell auditorium. And many a celebrity has spoken from those library steps. The crowds would gather here in the quadrangle to listen. Even now, after all these years, the applause still echos through this squarc-or maybe it's

There's nobody here now. It's dark and quiet. Like an old book that's already been read, this place has been put aside but not forgotten. Like a rumpled suit that has gone out of style, it has been meved to the back of the closet.

just the wind in the trees.

Progress is wonderful, of course, and we are proud of ours, but progress has no mercy on some of the good things and good places...and this place is one of them.

Now I understand why they come back here to Homecoming...and why their eyes are misty.

TICKETS

Alumni planning to attend the football game between Northwestern and the University of Southwest Louisiana on Homecoming Nov. 14 should write in advance for reserved seats.

All reserved seats for the game will be \$4.50. Requests should be ki-clad, crewcut young fellows still directed to the Athletic Department, Northwestern.

Bull Is Donated By Ex-Governor

The only Register of Merit bull in Louisiana, JH Beau Promino 710, has been donated to the Northwestern Department of Agriculture by former governor James A. Noe

Noe purchased the horned hereford bull in 1963 from the Morlunda Farms in West Virginia and moved the animal to Whitehall Plantation in Monroe to become the heard sire of one of North Louisiana's leading hereford herds.

President Arnold R. Kilpatrick of Northwestern, who accepted the animal from Noe, said the bull will be used at Northwestern for production and breeding purposes on the NSU farm.

Northwestern has a 550-acre experimental farm. The herd of 182 cattle includes 40 herefords. Dr. Zoel Daughtrey, head of the Department of Agriculture, said the bull will be mated with selected brood cows from the registered herd of horned hereford cattle on the NSU farm.

JH Beau Promino 710 was bred by Grassland Hereford Ranch in Montana. In his first year of production, eight of his sons and seven of his daughters all subsequently won Register of Merit in 1962.

Prior to the herd's sale in 1963, JH Beau Promino 710 was senior sire at Oak Brook Farm in Illinois. He was the nation's third-ranking sire among the 1963 Register of

Sired by King Promise 44th, the 710th is credited with such characteristics as good head, good color, good style, and excellent fleshing qualities.

Daughtrey said the bull will be used in an effort to upgrade the Northwestern herd. The bull will be kept in a small pasture near the dairy farm building on the main campus, and plans are being made to show the animal at fairs and livestock exhibits in North Loui-

Look Who's Here

ROBERT H. DAY (BA '62) and NELIA SHAW DAY (BS '63) announce the birth of a son, Michael Patrick, born September 24, 1970. Michael weighed in at 7 lbs. 2½ ozs. He has two sisters Elizabeth Robin, age 61/2 and Aimee Frances, age 5. The Days are residing in Jena, La.

MR. and MRS. JOHNNIE WAYNE MELDER (Sandra Methvin BS '65) announce the birth of their daughter, born August 19. She is Sonya Leigh and weighed 7 lbs. 141/2 ozs. Sandra is presently employed by the Rapides Parish School Board. Johnnie is working in the Loan Department of the Guaranty Bank and Trust Company in Pineville.



FORMER GOVERNOR James A. Noe of Monroe has donated the only Register of Merit bull in Louisiana, JH Beau Promino 710, to the Northwestern State University Department of Agriculture. Accepting the animal on behalf of Northwestern is President Arnold R. Kilpatrick. The bull will be used for production and experimental purposes to upgrade the Northwestern herd.

Alumni Here 'N There

MILTON L. TARVER (BA '66) was recently awarded an equity contract with Barter Theatre in Abingdon, Virginia. By receiving this contract, Milt is now among the ranks of professional actors. During the season at Barter he plays the leading role of Alan Squire in Sherwood's THE PETRI-FIED FOREST. Other roles Milt has captured include Geoffrey in LION IN WINTER, Lieutenant Rooney in ARSENIC AND OLD LACE, Malcom in MACBETH and Officer Brodie in RAT RACE. He is married to the former CINDY SMITH (BA '66). Cindy has been teaching high school in Louisiana and Maryland since their marriage. Last November, Milt and Cindy welcomed a son, Edwin, into their family.

LT. COL. BOBBIE R. BASS, (BA '55) has been assigned to the Washington, D.C., headquarters of the Army's Medical Research and Development Command following a year's tour in the Republic of Vietnam. Col. Bass is now the Chief of the Administrative Management Division in the command's headquarters. Col. Bass is married to the former Emogene Monks, They have two children, R. Brennon, 12 and Kenton, 4. Among other personal decorations awarded to Col. Bass, he has twice earned the Bronze Star Medal.

EILLIM J. "JOE" BENTON. (BS '49) was elected Assistant Treasurer and Assistant Secretary by the Board of Directors of Ford, Academic Scholarship Committee. Bacon and Davis Construction Corp. Monroe, La. effective September 1,

MRS. DIXIE S. MOSS, grad 1938, retired June 1969, after 39 years of teaching.

CHRIS DOCOLAS (BS '67) and his wife SUZANNE (Formerly Suzanne Evans BA '69) are expecting their first baby in December. Chris is working as an electronics technician at Texas Instruments, Inc. in Dallas.

MR. AND MRS. DUNC CONLY (Dunc BS '61) (Jan Trentman BA 61) are now residing in Galveston, Texas. Dunc is first assistant for the Ball High Golden Tornado Football Team. Jan is teaching first grade and cooperating with the Univ. of Houston as a supervising teacher. They have two children, Debbie-10, and Ron 8.

MR. AND MRS. STEVE BLOUNT (BS '65) are now residing in Jackson, Miss. Steve has been promoted to the position of Area Manager with the American Oil Company. He is married to the former Betty Doss of Amite.

Academic Grants Offered at NSU

Northwestern has begun accepting applications for 20 academic scholarships which will be available to freshmen entering the university in the fall of 1971.

Applicants must be high school seniors who have maintained a "B" average and rank in the top 25 percent of their graduating classes.

The 20 grants to academicallyoutstanding students are made available to Northwestern by the State Board of Education.

Forms for applicants for the scholarships have been mailed to high school principals and counselors throughout the state. Schools which did not receive the material may write or call Northwestern for the forms and information sheets.

Dr. Tandy McElwce, head of the Department of Testing and chair-man of the NSU Academic Scholarship Committee, said applications must be completed and returned to the Northwestern Academic Scholarship Committee before Jan. 1, 1971.

Students receiving the academic grants will be given a maximum of \$4,000 during their four-year college careers. The State Board of Education grants were raised this year from \$400 to \$500 a scmester.

McElwee sald anyone making application for Northwestern's academic grants must have their scores reported to the university.

Interested students may apply to take the ACT examinations on the Dec. 12 test date at Northwestern.

Additional information on the academic scholarships and the ACT testing dates may be obtained by writing Dr. Tandy McElwee, Chairman, Northwestern State University

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Indians Edge Demons; Tech Next Opponent

a 28-yard touchdown run with a fumble recovery enabled Northeast Louisiana to nip Northwestern State 21-17 before a packed house of 8,100 at Monroe's Brown Sta-

The series win was the first in 10 years and halted Louisiana's longest collegiate winning streak at 7. It was the Gulf States Conference opener for both schools.

Northwestern had won its last

four games in 1969 and its previous three this year—Florence State 42-21, Stephen F. Austin 9-7 and Southwestern Oklahoma 22-14.

A last minute goal-line stand and early in the fourth quarter, but goal narrowed it to 7-3 in the sec- scored twice, while Pool ran 15 saw the margin cut to 17-14 on a ond period. TD pass midway in the period. Moments later Indian halfback Keith Moncrief recovered a Northwestern fumble in mid-air and raced 28 yards into the end zone for the winning points.

Quarterback Mike Pool completon fourth and goal, Pool was halted at the two on a sprint out with 15 seconds left.

Outhwestern Oklahoma 22-14. Northeast an early 7-0 lead, but yards on 34 carrie The Demons led Northeast 17-7 Dennis Wilkinson's 27-yard field Back-of-the-Week

In the third quarter, halfback Tommy Wallis ran over from the four to give Northwestern a 10-7 lead. Early in the fourth period, fullback Richard Ware widened the margin with a two yard run.

Ware led Northwestern in rushed four passes in the final minute ing with 94 yards, while Pool pasand a half to push the Demons 48 sed for 104. The Demons entered yards to Northeast's three. But as the eighth ranked in the NAIA poll.

The week before in their win over Southwestern Oklahoma Ware A quarterback sncak provided rushed for a school record 186 yards on 34 carries and earned GSC honors.

yards for the other TD and Wilkinson booted a 40-yard field goal.

Southwestern, the nation's fourth ranked NAIA team last year, closed the gap late, after the Demons moved to a 22-7 lead early in the third

Defensive tackle Walter Elder, a two-time all-GSC pick, had big defensive games against Northeast and Southwestern.

Northwestern's next game will be is annual State Fair clash Oct. 24 at Shreveport against Louisiana Tech, the defending Gulf States Conference champion.

Safety Al Dodd Chosen League's Best For 1960's

Northwestern State safety Al Dodd was selected the Gulf States Conference's defensive player of the decade for the 1960's in a poll recently conducted by the Louisiana Collegiate Sports Information Association.

A group of coaches and writers unanimously tabbed Dodd for the honor. In his four year Demon career that ended in 1966, Dodd intercepted 31 passes, a GSC and NAIA record. He picked off nine passes in three different years.

Two other Northwestern players, end Jackie Smith and linebacker Sammy Joe Odom, were selected to the all-GSC team of the decade.

Northwestern players also recciving votes for the all-GSC team included Vic Nyvall, Dick Reding, Shelby Dickie, Jerry Fowler, Bobby Koncak, Leslie Robertson, Eddie Mittlebron, Gary McCrary, Randy Brodnax, David Lovich, Corwyn Aldredge, Walter Elder, Gerald Malley, Kenny Thompson, Kenny Hrapmann, David Smith, Dennis Wilkinson and Wayne Walker.



Al Dodd



Leonard Richardson . . . Strong Demon Tackle

Husky Richardson Progresses Interior Blocker For NSU

to do his part in helping North-western State win the Gulf States Conference football championship.

So what makes offensive tackle Leonard Richardson of Shreveport any different from the other De-

First, the aggressive senior is the biggest player (6-2, 236) on the team, and he knows how to throw his weight around.

Secondly, Richardson was unfortunate in that he lost a year's cligibility when he broke a leg in the first quarter of the opening game of his sophomore season. He now has complete mobility in both

And finally, the former Woodin Kalamazoo, Mich.

"At times, Leonard is an outbe Northwestern's 22-14 win over year.

He's dedicated, talented and | Southwestern Oklahoma earlier more than anything clse, he wants this season in which Richardson graded 82 per cent blocking, highest on the team.

Used as a guard during his freshman year, Richardson was moved Jan. 27-at Southern Mississippi to tackle as a sophomore and looked as though he would have a fine season prior to the injury. He recovered for his junior campaign but did not have complete mobility.

"Richardson is much improved over last year," Gossett says. "He's beginning to realize he has the size and ability to be a most capable offensive lineman."

"I want to do everything I can to help us have a great year," says Richardson. "It's a great thing just to be playing for the Demons."

Winning is important to Richlawn High star is the only player ardson because he's not been acon the Northwestern roster born customed to losing. A three-year starter in high school, he played a major role on Woodlawn's state

Demons' Cagers Working; Slate **Appears Rugged**

Eighteen players, six of them lettermen, are presently under-going conditioning drills as Northwestern State's basketball teams prepares for its Dec. 1 opener with Tulane University at New Orleans.

The playing candidates include two returning starters, John Janese and Marvin Willett, from last year's team and two promising newcomers, Jessie Horner and Vernon Wilson.

Northwestern finished 13-13 last year and 6-6 in the Gulf States Conference, and participated for the third straight year in the District 30 NAIA playoffs.

This year's Demon schedule is one of the most ambitious ever. It reads:

Dec. 1—Tulane

Dec. 3—at Houston

Dec. 7-East Texas State

Dec. 10-*at Louisiana Tech

Dec. 14-*at Southwestern La.

De:.17-*Nicholls State

Dec. 21-East Texas Baptist

Dec. 23-at Stephen F. Austin Dec. 29-Southern University

Dec. 31-at Southern University

4-*Northeast Louisiana Jan.

7-*at Southeast Louisiana Jan

Jan. 18-*at McNeese State

Jan. 20-at Southern State

Jan. 29-at Centenary

Feb. 1-*McNeese State

Feb. 8-at Louisiana College

Feb. 11-*at Northeast Louisiana

Feb. 15-*Southeastern Lovisiana

Feb. 18-*at Nicholls State Feb. 22-*Southwestern Louisiana

Feb. 25-Louisiana College *GSC games

Home games start at 7:30 p.m.

IOWA NATIVE CHOSEN NSU ROUNDBALL AIDE

Athletic director Glenn Gossett has announced the appointment of Terry Glasgow as a graduate assistant basketball coach at Northwestern State.

Glasgow, a 26-year old former standing tackle," said Demon coach finalist team in 1965 and the Glenn Gossett. An occassion would Knights' 11-1 record the following will coach the Demons' junior var-



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